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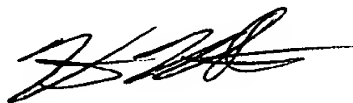
Claims 3-6 and 16-20 are pending in the present application.

Applicants have amended the paragraph beginning on page 31, line 13 of the specification to insert the date of deposit of the Escherichia coli JM109/pYES92 FERM BP-7032 under the terms of the Budapest Treaty. In view of these amendments above and submission of the requisite statement that the all restrictions imposed by the depositor on the availability to the public of the deposited biological material will be irrevocably removed upon granting of a patent on this application on December 21, 2004, Applicants submit that the present application fully compliant with the rules relating to deposit of biological materials. Accordingly, the enablement requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, have been fulfilled.

Applicants submit that the application is in condition for allowance. Early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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